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1. General Duong Thua Vu, who recently arrived in Intersector VII, has replaced General Nguyen Binh as Commander-in-Chief of Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) forces in Cochinchina. This appointment is designed to step up military activity in the south.¹
2. The new DRV chief in the Saigon-Cholon area is Lt. Col. To Ky, who will head a group of 3,000 men charged with nightly sabotage activities in Saigon-Cholon. Muoi Tri, who had been previously designated for this post, is considered to be a bad risk by DRV authorities.²
3. Tran Van Tuyen, Secretary of State to the President in the Tran Van Huu cabinet, submitted his resignation on 11 July 1951. Tuyen's resignation will be followed by those of Hoang Cung, Minister of Social Action, Pham Van Binh, Deputy Minister of Sports and Youth, Nguyen Duy Thanh, Minister of Planning who defected from the Ho Chi Minh Government in early 1950, and Nguyen Huu Thuan, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

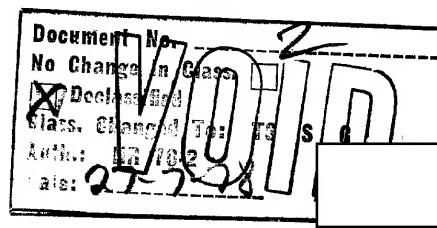
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reports Binh's replacement by General Chu Van Tan.

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2. Comment. DRV suspicions regarding Muoi Tri's intentions are probably prompted by Tri's unsuccessful attempts to rally to the Bao Dai Government in April 1950.

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